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Press Release

UPDATE: AUGUST 25, 2005, 11:30 A.M. Federal District Court Operations and Tropical Storm Katrina

Chief United States District Judge William J. Zloch announced that United States District Court operations in all divisions of the Southern District of Florida will close by 1:00 P.M. today and will remain closed on Friday, August 26th due to wind and rain conditions associated with Tropical Storm Katrina. These closures affect the District Court's operations in Key West, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Fort Pierce. Federal courthouses in these locations will be closed to the public, jurors have been instructed to call in for further reporting instructions, and staff have been released with instructions not to report for work on Friday.

Federal court operations will resume at the regular time in all Divisions on Monday, August 29th. All staff should report for work at that time. Please check the Court's website at www.flsd.uscourts.gov for changes to these instructions.